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## **LA City Council Votes to Install Greig Smith as Councilmember for the 12th Council District**

*Councilmember Smith will serve on an interim basis until a special election determines a successor.*

Today, the Los Angeles City Council voted unanimously to install Greig Smith as Councilmember for the 12th Council District. The seat was vacated by Councilmember Mitchell Englander on January 1, 2019. Councilmember Smith previously served two terms as Councilmember for the 12th District from 2003-2011.

"Ensuring that the residents of the 12th Council District continue to have a voice on the Los Angeles City Council is the correct decision," said Councilmember Smith. "I'm honored that the City Council has entrusted me with this responsibility so that the interests of the communities that comprise the 12th Council District can be served in Council until the results of a special election are confirmed."

"There is nothing more important than ensuring the residents of Council District 12 have representation and a voice on our council," said Los Angeles City Council President Herb Wesson. "Greig Smith will be a passionate advocate for delivering the services his constituents want, need, and expect."

Councilmember Smith will be a voting member with committee assignments on the Los Angeles City Council until a special election determines the next Councilmember for the 12th District. In order to

focus on best serving the residents of the district, Councilmember Smith has stated he will not run as a candidate in the upcoming special election.

Since leaving LA City Council in 2011, Greig Smith has served Los Angeles as an LAPD Reserve Officer with the rank of Detective specializing in cold cases and has returned to the private sector. Prior to his first election as Councilmember, Greig Smith was the Chief of Staff for 12th District Councilmember Hal Bernson and a small business owner in Northridge.

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